



West Lafayette Go Greener Commission  
609 West Navajo Street  
West Lafayette, IN 47906

## **West Lafayette Go Greener Commission Meeting**

Minutes of Regularly Scheduled Commission Meeting

Tuesday, October 2, 2014, 6:30 PM

West Lafayette Public Library

Attending: Peter Bunder; Lindsey Payne; Spencer Evans; Parr Durr; Bill Arthur; Andrew Tuholski

Absentees: Allen Jacobsen; James Britton; Thom Davis; Tom Voight

Others: Dave Henderson, Dan Dunten, Angie Andrews, Harsh Somani

### **Agenda**

- I. Spencer: Call to order & introductions, 6:37 PM
- II. Spencer: Approval of minutes from September
  - a. Lindsey motions, Spencer seconds, approved
- III. Stormwater fee & Rain Barrel
  - a. Angie - 3 years ago, selling rain barrels as a gateway to get public buy-in; originally sold to make a profit—did not work, UpCycle—cost \$47 and sold to public for \$50; still not working, found out \$25 is the magic number; if you live in city and pay some sort of utility bill, stored at wastewater treatment plant purchased in bulk, pay at City Hall and then come down to wastewater treatment plant and pick up barrel, there is grant money that can be used toward purchase of barrels, we worked quite a bit with WREC—helped with advertising, made it easier for city to reach public, advertises barrels on their website, Sara said we can add WL information and click on appropriate link, if homeowners get money via WREC's 319 grant, then the city bills WREC later; Angie puts money in her budget to cover the \$22 cost per barrel; has sold 650 barrels so far; WREC maps the barrels on TipEcoNow (<http://www.tippeconow.com/index.php>); barrier is getting the barrels installed; Purdue students helped install barrels last year as part of a project; also did Paint the Rain event and auctioned off barrels for a profit, last year did just school kids; WREC is a great partner to get outreach events going, Paint the Rain for school will be at Lilly Nature Center next year; starting to see barrels in clusters in neighborhoods; there is also signage that can be placed
  - b. Dan – would like to see everyone along rim of Happy Hollow with rain garden/rain barrel to help with erosions
  - c. Lindsey – catching on, at Riverfest volunteers were offered barrels and they had more than ever before
  - d. Dan – when you get ready for distribution, think about storage, when worked for County there was one storage facility and payment facility
  - e. Dave – I would like to have the parks department store and collect payments
  - f. Dan – we would have to talk to the superintendent



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- g. Angie – it is time consuming—keeping track of inventory, you should also offer stands and diverter and stock two sizes; we have storage at wastewater treatment plant; initially UpCycle did not bill us until they left our property; other companies are out there; we’ve talked about offering a voucher for any barrel, but haven’t gone there yet; if you work with WREC anything they do you can use and take credit for it
  - h. Lindsey – installation guides, educational site, etc.  
[http://www.tippeconow.com/opt\\_rain\\_barrel.php](http://www.tippeconow.com/opt_rain_barrel.php)  
<http://www.tippecanoecountyswcd.org/what-we-do/sustainability/>
  - i. Dave – fun with the Major segment of him setting up a rain barrel; one piece of Clean Water Challenge is to target areas with issues and give them barrels
  - j. Dan – working with EPICS group on erosion issues at Happy Hollow and creating educational materials
  - k. Lindsey – what barriers will we run up against
  - l. Dan – who will sell, handle the admin side of it; suggest keeping the prices the same; diverters are nice
  - m. Dave – if we have them purchased at City Hall then it has to go through the police department
  - n. Angie – need someone to track where these are going
  - o. Bill – good time to launch a campaign would be in spring
  - p. Lindsey – Earth Day would be nice
  - q. Dave – timeline? Once we get a superintendent we can move
- IV. Harish – Bike Sharing Proposal
- a. During sophomore year, 2013, looking into green solutions, no perfect project in place, pitched it to EPICS—had 15 students studying bike share feasibility in Lafayette for 2 semester, different models, and stakeholder profiles; started lobbying with Bike Committee/OUS—they support a program like this, but would have to be farmed out to third party, so we looked into other options; currently partnering with company in MI that would work as a bike share provider; University had just contracted with an outside company to determine feasibility on campus; smart-bike/dumb rack system, no electrical set up, bikes are solar powered, racks are normal racks that can be used for other bikes, for end-user looking at program that would be \$20-30 annually, bikes can be accessed to be shared for 1 day as well, about 7-10 stations across campus in Lafayette, any member can swipe out bike for a certain time period and can take bike anywhere, can be daily fee and by semester/year; bikes will be chainless, iron, have built in GPS to help determine bike patterns and help establish better bike lanes; also working on having the system developed through smart phones application versus swipe card and individual profiles—carbon footprint, amount of gas saved, etc.; talking with different organizations to help sponsor equipment—EPICS, Purdue Foundry,



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working to add entrepreneurship into EPICS; also currently lobbying student government; other systems charge roughly \$100 per bike per month (no cost for bike) + membership fee, any revenue generated through membership goes to city or university, includes maintenance, vandalism, all work with bikes; potential to expand beyond Purdue specifically high traffic areas in WL; helmets are not required, but looking at providing helmets to users; kiosk systems are very new, 70-100 good number to support population of Purdue

- b. A to B Bike Share company - <http://a2bbikeshare.com/>
  - c. Seeking support from WL partners
  - d. Spencer – connect with Student Sustainability Council, Allison Turner, [turner92@purdue.edu](mailto:turner92@purdue.edu)
  - e. Lindsey – connect with Chris Kulesza, Purdue Graduate Student Government
  - f. Parr – motions to sign a support letter, Spencer seconds, approve, Lindsey will poll
- V. Spencer: Commissioners
- a. Dave will outreach Mayor about Tom Voight and Thom Davis
  - b. Parr – lets invite to the next meeting and then potentially vote her onto the commission
- VI. Peter: Next Council Meeting
- a. Would someone come to the next meeting at 6:30 PM to update Council on Go Greener activities?
  - b. Spencer – yes I will do it, mention stormwater fee and rain barrels and bike share program
- VII. Parr motions to adjourn, Andrews seconds, adjournment, 7:55 PM

Next meeting November 6, 2014, 6:30 PM!

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